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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE CALLS BY SUDANESE MINISTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

- 1. SUMMARY. MINISTER ABDALLAH ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR HAMZA CALLED ON PRESIDENT NIXON, SECRETARY ROGERS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM TO EXPRESS GOS CONDOLENCES AND REGISTER SHOCK AT CRIMINAL ACT WHICH DEPRIVED AMBASSADOR NOEL AND MR. MOORE OF THEIR LIVES. TERRORIST-RELATED ISSUES WHICH AROSE COVERED IN THIS CABLE. OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES WILL BE COVERED BY SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.
- 2. MINISTER ABDALLAH CALLED ON PRESIDENT NIXON MARCH 6
 TO EXPRESS SINCEREST CONDOLENCES FROM GOS AND SUDANESE
 PEOPLE OVER MURDER OF AMBASSADOR NOEL AND MR. MOORE.
 ABDALLAH ASSURED PRESIDENT OF GOS DETERMINATION TO SEE
 JUSTICE DONE AND NOT TO PERMIT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.
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RETALIATION AGAINST GOS BY BLACK SEPTEMBER AND PERHAPS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND CONVEYED PRESIDENT NIMERI'S REQUEST FOR U. S. ASSISTANCE IN EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND EXPERTISE TO MEET THREAT. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EFFECTIVE MANNER IN WHICH GOS RESPONDED PROBLEM THRUST UPON IT. HE TOLD MINISTER U. S. WOULD WORK OUT A PLAN TO MEET TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE GOS REQUEST FOR SECURITY HELP AND WOULD MAKE AN EARLY RESPONSE.

- 3. DURING CALL ON SECRETARY MARCH 7, SUDANESE DELEGATES REITERATED THEIR SORROW OVER TRAGIC AND CRIMINAL MURDERS. SECRETARY EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION GOS EFFORTS SAVE LIVES OF AMBASSADOR AND MOORE.
- 4. IN SEPARATE MEETING ABDALLAH HAD WITH ASSTSEC NEWSOM LATTER TOLD HIM OF GREAT INTEREST WITH WHICH PRESIDENT NIMERI'S COURAGEOUS SPEECH OF MARCH 6 HAD BEEN READ IN WASHINGTON. NEWSOM STATED HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO TELL MINISTER THAT HIS REQUEST OF PREVIOUS DAY TO PRESIDENT NIXON FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN FIELD OF INTERNAL SECURITY WOULD BE GIVEN POSITIVE RESPONSE THROUGH ESTABLISHED CHANNELS IN KHARTOUM IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. MINISTER EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION. STATED HE WOULD TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION TO PRESIDENT NIMERI ON HIS RETURN KHARTOUM.
- 5. IN RESPONSE TO ASSTSEC NEWSOM'S QUERY ABOUT MINISTER'S BRIEF VISIT TO NEW YORK MARCH 6 LATTER STATED HE HAD DISCUSSED GOS VIEW OF KHARTOUM TRAGEDY WITH UN SECGEN AND HAD INDICATED TO HIM THAT GOS PREPARED JOIN OTHER NATIONS IN UN ACTIONS AGAINST TERRORISM. ASSTSEC NEWSOM INDICATED WE FELT THIS GOS ATTITUDE WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.
- 6. OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES RAISED IN NEWSOM MEETING WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL.
- 7. IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS IN KHARTOUM WITH GOS OFFICIALS YOU MAY CONVEY DEEP APPRECIATION USG FOR GESTURE IN SENDING MINISTER ABDULLA AND INDICATE EVERYONE MOST IMPRESSED WITH MANNER IN WHICH MINISTER CONDUCTED HIS MISSION. ROGERS

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